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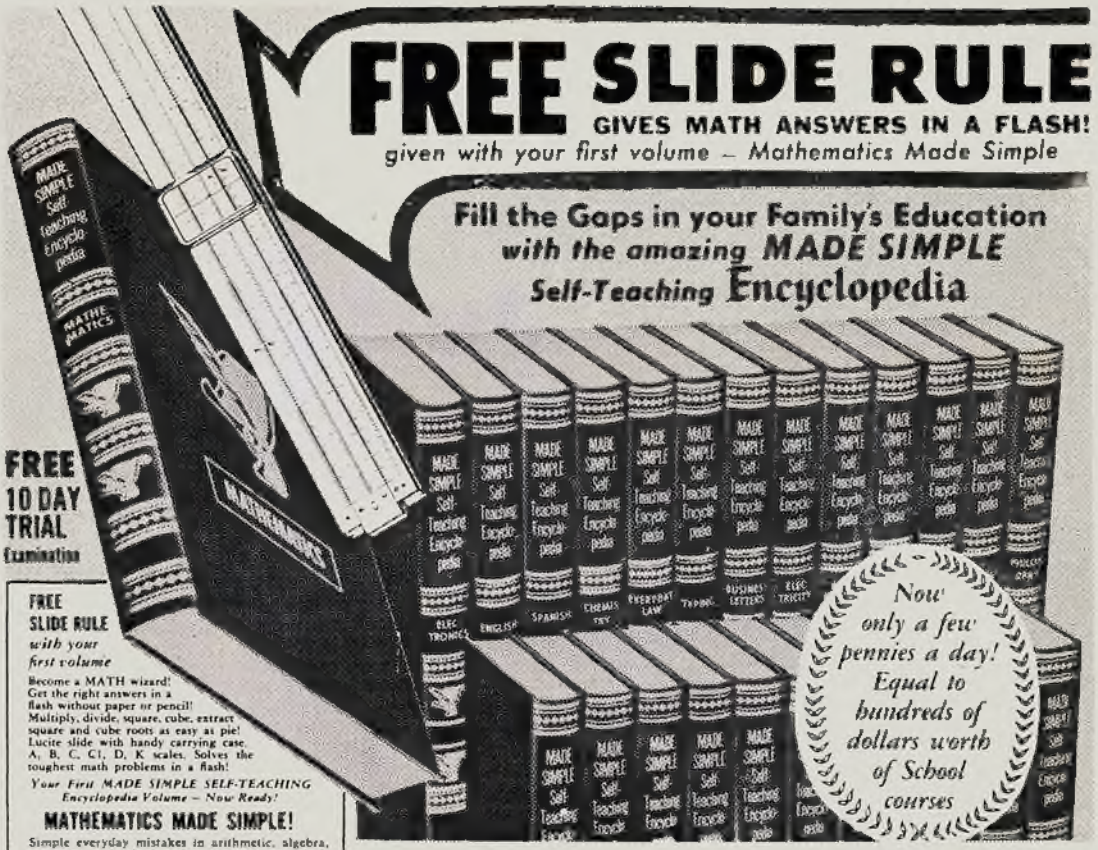
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IN THE TEXAS GULF, THERE ARE SCORES OF DRILL RIGS OFF-SHORE... NEW FIELDS ARE ALWAYS BEING DEVELOPED AND IT WAS IN ONE OF THESE NEW AREAS WHERE OIL GEOLOGISTS WERE WORKING THAT **DR. DAN GARRETT**, FAMED ARCHEOLOGIST, WAS TRAVELING IN A HIRED SEA SKIFF!

THE WRECKAGE ISN'T EVEN WORTH SALVAGING, MISS BYERS!

I'M SO GRATEFUL TO YOU FOR TAKING ME OUT HERE, DR. GARRETT! I PROMISE I WON'T CRY...BUT LIKE YOU...I **REFUSE** TO BELIEVE MY FATHER...

SIXTEEN TECHNICIANS FROM THE OIL RIG GOT CLEAR WHEN THEY FELT THE TOWER BEGINNING TO TOPPLE...YOUR FATHER CHOSE TO PUT ON SCUBA GEAR AND GO DOWN TO SEE WHAT WAS WRECKING HIS RIG! HE WASN'T EVER SEEN AGAIN!

WHY DO YOU THINK HE MIGHT BE ALIVE, DR. GARRETT? I HAVE ONLY MY INTUITION, BUT THE FACTS POINT TO HIS...

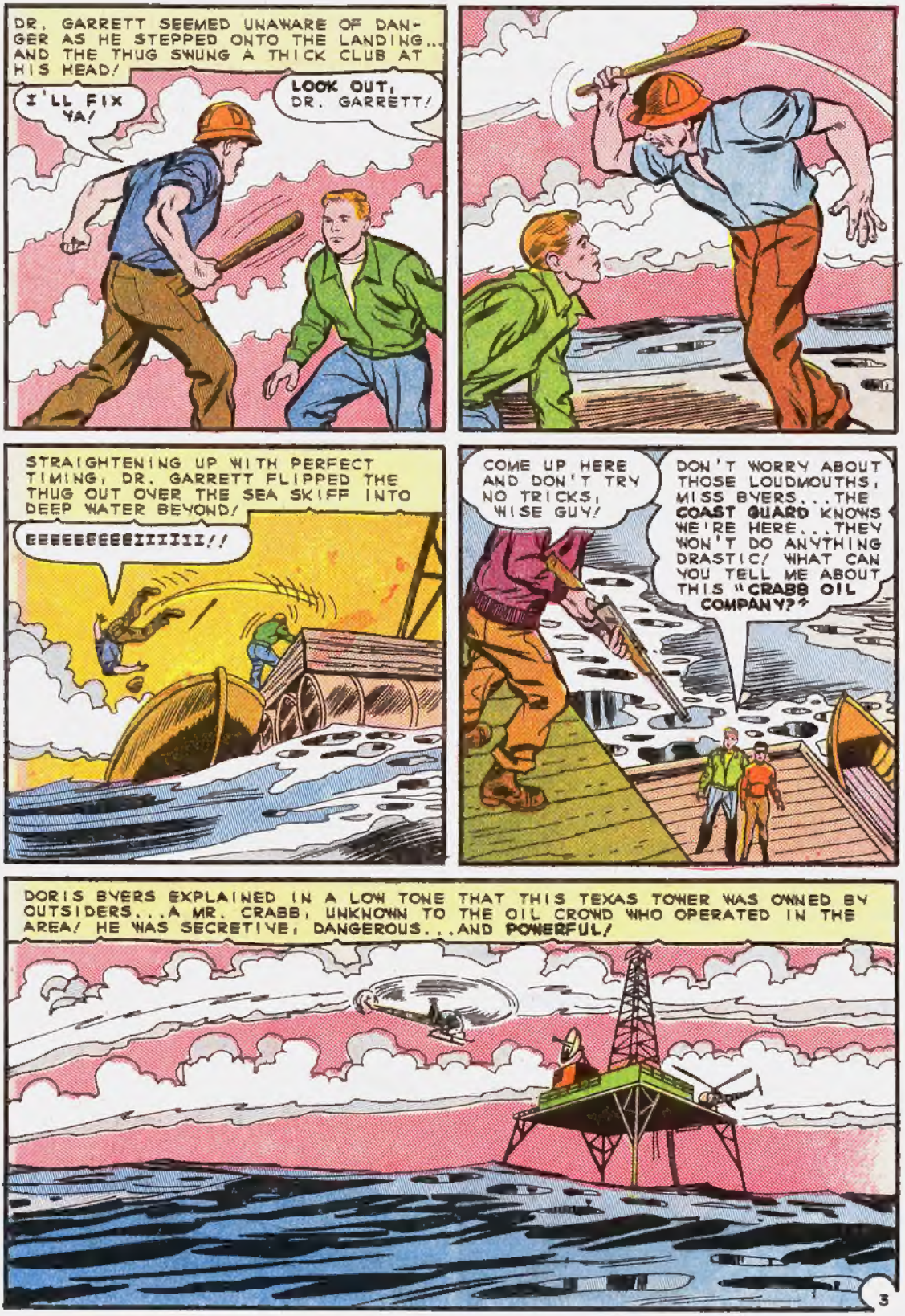
I THINK THERE'S A **CHANCE**, MISS BYERS! NO MORE THAN THAT! THERE WERE NO STORMS OR EARTHQUAKES OR TIDAL WAVES AT THE TIME IT HAPPENED...BUT **SOMETHING** MADE THE TOWER FALL!

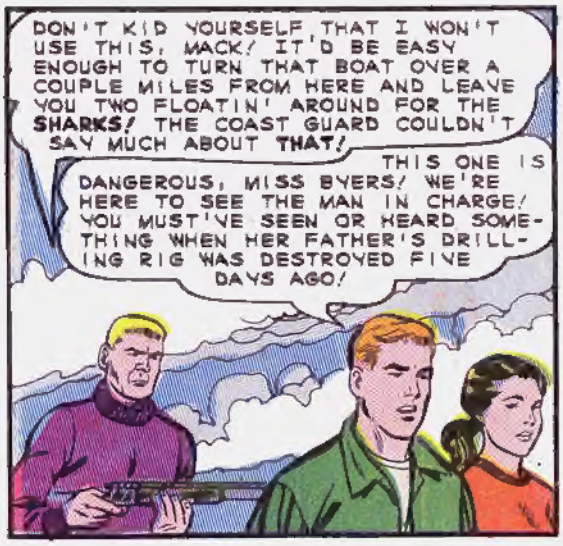
WE'RE COMING ABOARD! TAKE OUR LINE WILL YOU?

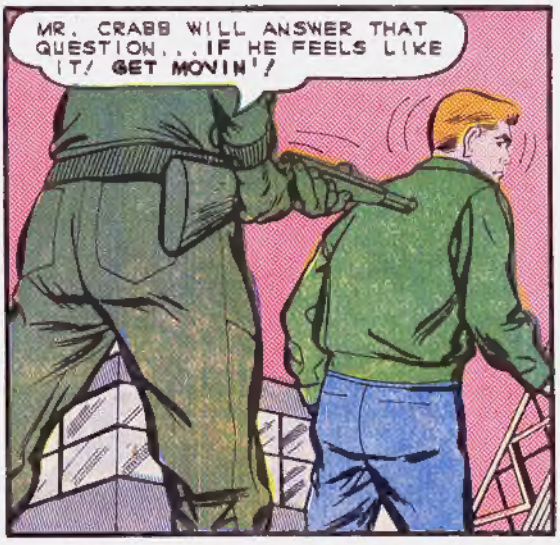
SHEER OFF, LUBBER! WE DON'T WANT VISITORS ON THIS RIG!

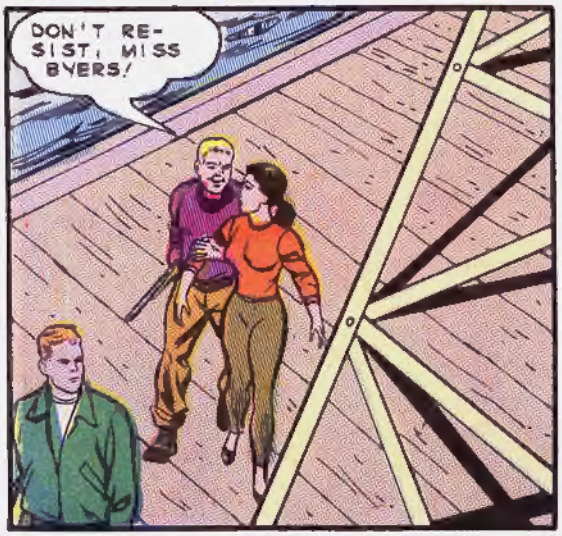
BRING US ALONGSIDE, MISS BYERS! I'LL DO WITHOUT THIS OAF'S ASSISTANCE!

YER **ASKIN'** FOR IT, SONNY!


DR. GARRETT SEEMED UNAWARE OF DANGER AS HE STEPPED ONTO THE LANDING... AND THE THUG SWUNG A THICK CLUB AT HIS HEAD!
I'LL FIX YA!
LOOK OUT, DR. GARRETT!
STRAIGHTENING UP WITH PERFECT TIMING, DR. GARRETT FLIPPED THE THUG OUT OVER THE SEA SKIFF INTO DEEP WATER BEYOND!
EEEEEEEEEEIIIIII!!
COME UP HERE AND DON'T TRY NO TRICKS, WISE GUY!
DON'T WORRY ABOUT THOSE LOUDMOUTHS, MISS BYERS...THE COAST GUARD KNOWS WE'RE HERE...THEY WON'T DO ANYTHING DRASTIC! WHAT CAN YOU TELL ME ABOUT THIS "CRABB OIL COMPANY?"
DORIS BYERS EXPLAINED IN A LOW TONE THAT THIS TEXAS TOWER WAS OWNED BY OUTSIDERS...A MR. CRABB, UNKNOWN TO THE OIL CROWD WHO OPERATED IN THE AREA! HE WAS SECRETIVE, DANGEROUS...AND POWERFUL!


DON'T KID YOURSELF, THAT I WON'T USE THIS, MACK! IT'D BE EASY ENOUGH TO TURN THAT BOAT OVER A COUPLE MILES FROM HERE AND LEAVE YOU TWO FLOATIN' AROUND FOR THE SHARKS! THE COAST GUARD COULDN'T SAY MUCH ABOUT THAT!
THIS ONE IS DANGEROUS, MISS BYERS! WE'RE HERE TO SEE THE MAN IN CHARGE! YOU MUST'VE SEEN OR HEARD SOMETHING WHEN HER FATHER'S DRILLING RIG WAS DESTROYED FIVE DAYS AGO!





SO THESE INTRUDERS HAD TO BE FORCIBLY DEALT WITH! IDENTIFY YOURSELF, SIR! AND INTRODUCE THE WOMAN!
MY NAME IS SMITH... THE LADY'S NAME IS ...ER...JONES!

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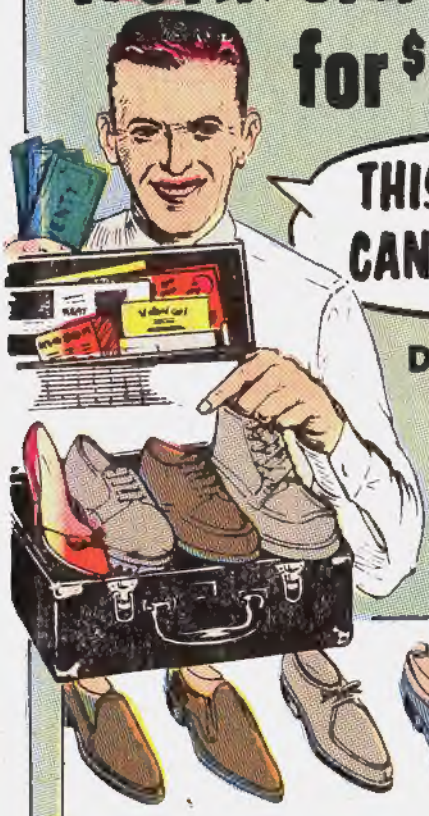

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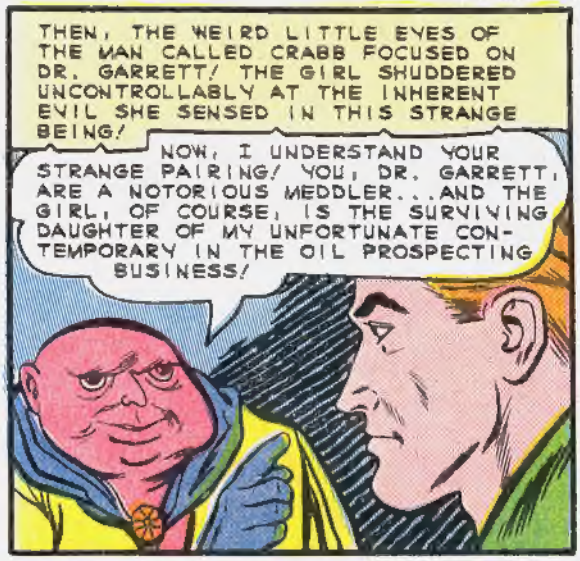
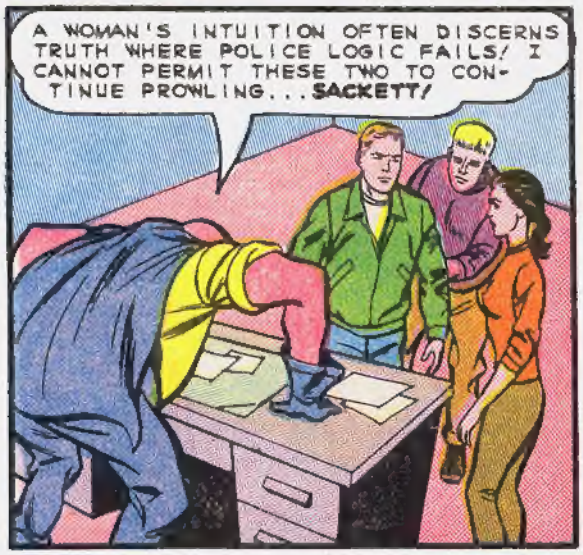
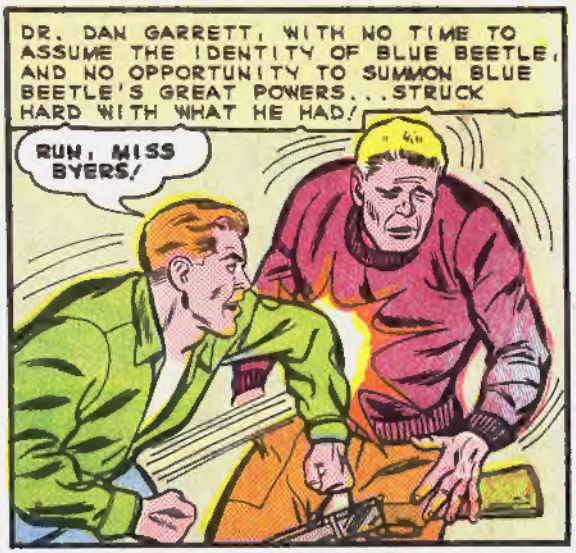
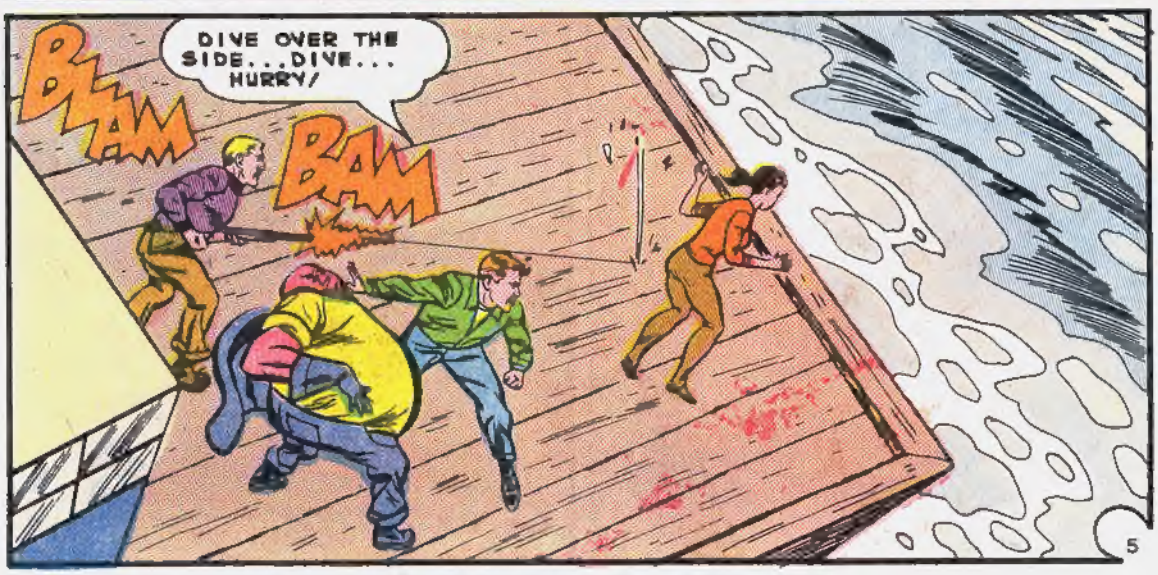

THEN, THE WEIRD LITTLE EYES OF THE MAN CALLED CRABB FOCUSED ON DR. GARRETT/ THE GIRL SHUDDERED UNCONTROLLABLY AT THE INHERENT EVIL SHE SENSED IN THIS STRANGE BEING/
NOW, I UNDERSTAND YOUR STRANGE PAIRING/ YOU, DR. GARRETT, ARE A NOTORIOUS MEDDLER...AND THE GIRL, OF COURSE, IS THE SURVIVING DAUGHTER OF MY UNFORTUNATE CONTEMPORARY IN THE OIL PROSPECTING BUSINESS/

WANT AN "ACCIDENT" TO BE ARRANGED, MR. CRABB? MY GUN COULD EXPLODE ACCIDENTALLY RIGHT NOW/
YOU FIENDS/ I'LL BET YOU KNOW WHAT HAS HAPPENED TO MY FATHER AND WHERE HE IS/


A WOMAN'S INTUITION OFTEN DISCERNS TRUTH WHERE POLICE LOGIC FAILS/ I CANNOT PERMIT THESE TWO TO CONTINUE PROWLING...SACKETT/


DR. DAN GARRETT, WITH NO TIME TO ASSUME THE IDENTITY OF BLUE BEETLE, AND NO OPPORTUNITY TO SUMMON BLUE BEETLE'S GREAT POWERS...STRUCK HARD WITH WHAT HE HAD/
RUN, MISS BYERS/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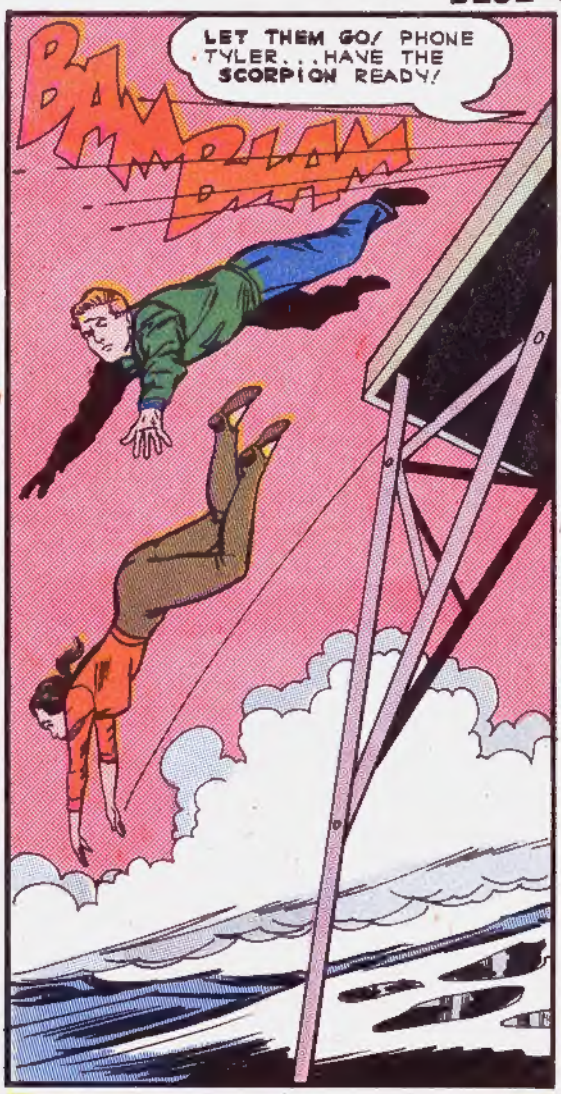
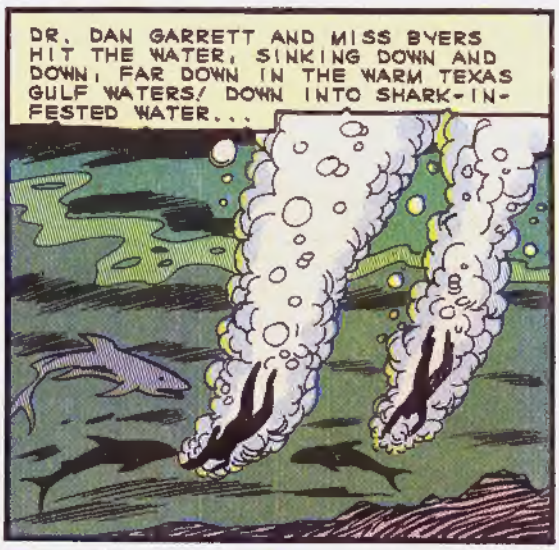
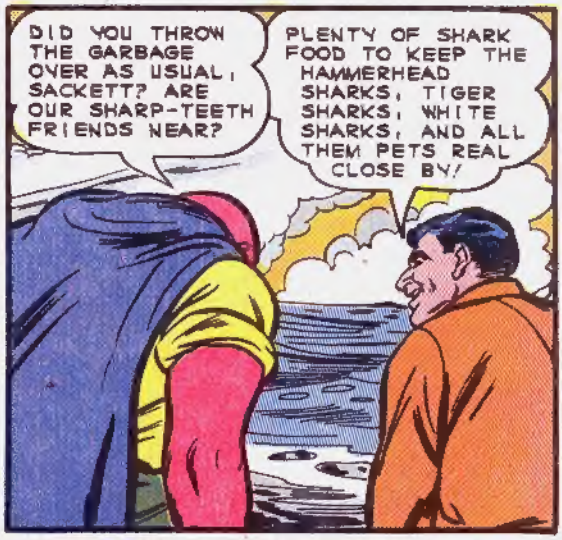
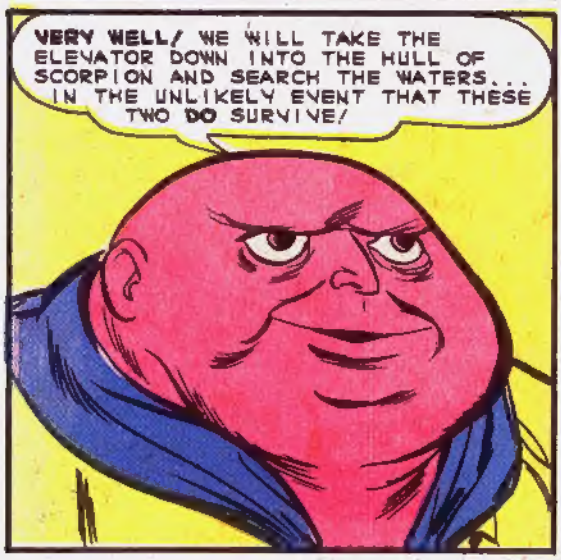
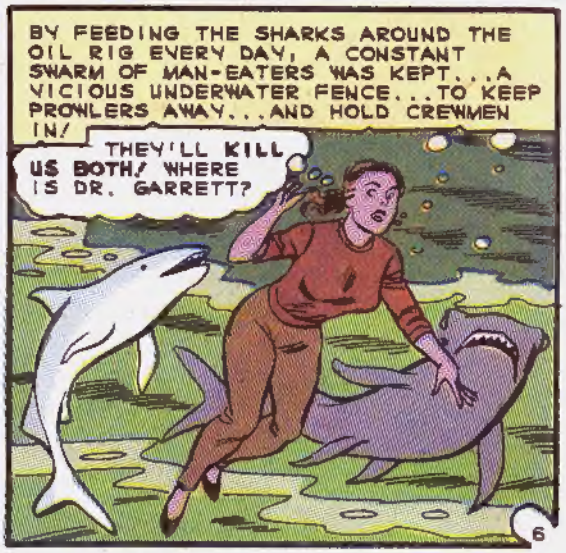
BLAM
BAM
BAM


LET THEM GO/ PHONE TYLER...HAVE THE SCORPION READY/
BAM
BLAM
BLAM


DR. DAN GARRETT AND MISS BYERS HIT THE WATER, SINKING DOWN AND DOWN; FAR DOWN IN THE WARM TEXAS GULF WATERS/ DOWN INTO SHARK-INFESTED WATER...


DID YOU THROW THE GARBAGE OVER AS USUAL, SACKETT? ARE OUR SHARP-TEETH FRIENDS NEAR?
PLENTY OF SHARK FOOD TO KEEP THE HAMMERHEAD SHARKS, TIGER SHARKS, WHITE SHARKS, AND ALL THEM PETS REAL CLOSE BY/


VERY WELL/ WE WILL TAKE THE ELEVATOR DOWN INTO THE HULL OF SCORPION AND SEARCH THE WATERS... IN THE UNLIKELY EVENT THAT THESE TWO DO SURVIVE/


BY FEEDING THE SHARKS AROUND THE OIL RIG EVERY DAY, A CONSTANT SWARM OF MAN-EATERS WAS KEPT...A VICIOUS UNDERWATER FENCE...TO KEEP PROWLERS AWAY...AND HOLD CREWMEN IN/
THEY'LL KILL US BOTH/ WHERE IS DR. GARRETT?

BLUE BEETLE

WHERE IS DR. DAN GARRETT? AFTER HITTING THE WATER HE MADE A FAST DECISION...
T ME FOR THE BLUE BEETLE TO ENTER THE SCENE!
OH MIGHTY ANCIENT PHARAOES...HELP ME NOW AS I CLASP THE SACRED BEETLE!
LEND ME YOUR POWERS TO COMBAT THE EVIL WHICH SURROUNDS ME!
SWIMMING THROUGH A SCHOOL OF TIGER-SHARKS, THE BLUE FIGHTER-OF-CRIME MADE HIS WAY TOWARD THE DOOMED GIRL!
I'VE GOT TO HURRY!

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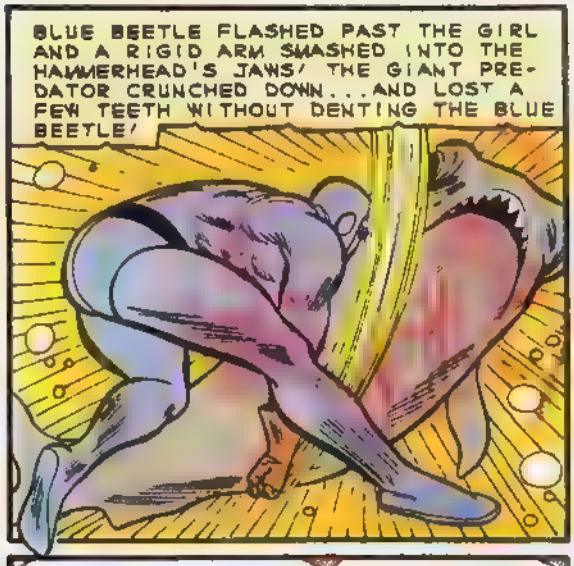
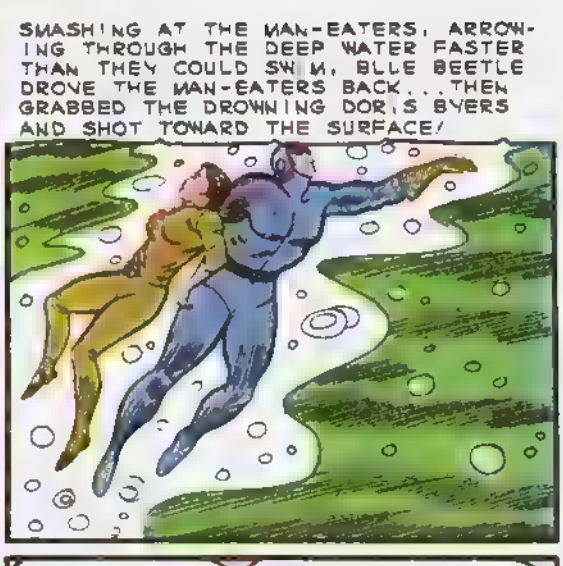
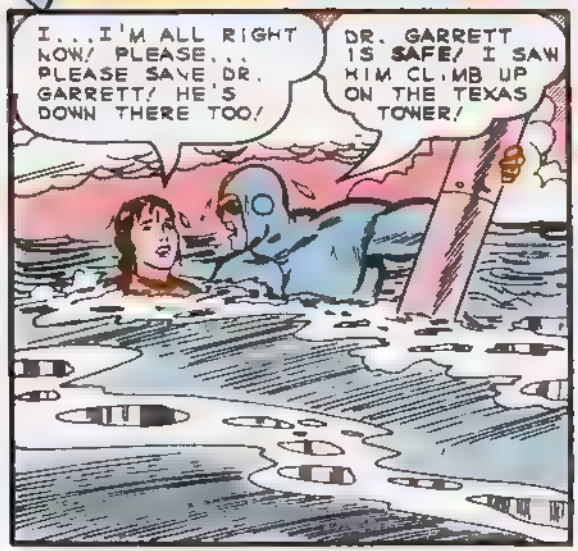
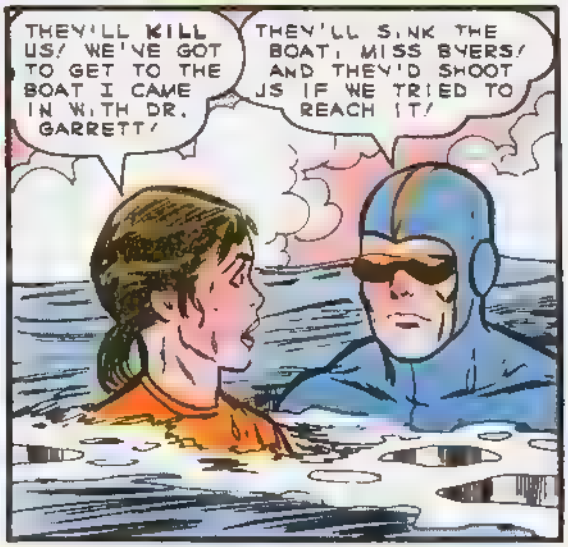

BLUE BEETLE FLASHED PAST THE GIRL AND A RIGID ARM SMASHED INTO THE HAMMERHEAD'S JAWS/ THE GIANT PREDATOR CRUNCHED DOWN...AND LOST A FEW TEETH WITHOUT DENTING THE BLUE BEETLE/


SMASHING AT THE MAN-EATERS, ARROWING THROUGH THE DEEP WATER FASTER THAN THEY COULD SWIM, BLUE BEETLE DROVE THE MAN-EATERS BACK...THEN GRABBED THE DROWNING DORIS BYERS AND SHOT TOWARD THE SURFACE/

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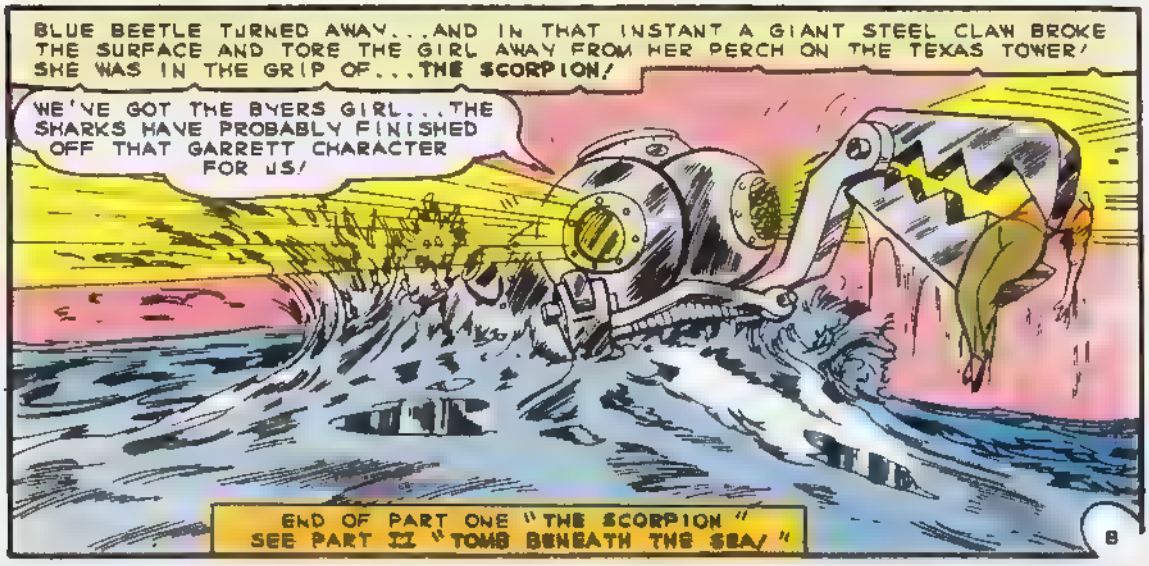
THEY'LL SINK THE BOAT, MISS BYERS/ AND THEY'D SHOOT US IF WE TRIED TO REACH IT/


BLUE BEETLE TURNED AWAY...AND IN THAT INSTANT A GIANT STEEL CLAW BROKE THE SURFACE AND TORE THE GIRL AWAY FROM HER PERCH ON THE TEXAS TOWER/ SHE WAS IN THE GRIP OF...THE SCORPION/
WE'VE GOT THE BYERS GIRL...THE SHARKS HAVE PROBABLY FINISHED OFF THAT GARRETT CHARACTER FOR US/
END OF PART ONE "THE SCORPION" SEE PART II "TOMB BENEATH THE SEA/"

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!!ATTENTION CAPTAIN ATOM FANS!! Thanks to the terrific response, Captain Atom...the origin...and Ditko originals are on your newsstands now!

Dear Editor·

The BLUE BEETLE has a good writer, an artist who is improving with every issue, and a good editor. To have a good comic you've got to have a good editor. Your comic is the only one that I have ever seen that actually names their competitors (good for you), it's about time somebody mentioned another comic pubbing company. I was getting tired of the editors referring to the other companies as that one or this company (and so on).

You give the fans what they want, a letter column for one thing, the pin-up is something that marvel is doing, the fans want it so Stan Lee gives it to them, I hope you use this policy too. The contest is a good way to give out original art work, you should have more contests that have art for a prize.

Hugh Surratt
5382 Van Ness
Bloomfield Hills, Mich. 48013

Dear Hugh:

Sure we name our competitors...why not? They're darn good! Charlton is rather new at this Super-Stuff, but, we'll catch up. Let me know what you think of "Son of Vulcan", our newest, and "Captain Atom" our revival. I'm glad you liked the contest, we'll do it again very shortly.

!NOTICE!

With this issue, B.B. has had his number changed. This is the sixth issue of our Blue Boy... but we call it issue 50. Next one is issue 51. If you think you're confused, you should see our bookkeeper. I would try explaining the reason...but that would be MORE CONFUSING!

Congratulations to the winners of our "Costume Contest" in issue number 4. The overwhelming majority insisted we keep the costume as it is! Thanks for your fantastic response. EACH OF THE WINNERS LISTED BELOW RECEIVED AN ORIGINAL PAGE OF ART FROM ISSUE 4 OF "BLUE BEETLE."

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Dear Editor:

At the risk of losing my chance for some original art (which I would very much like to own), I must state BLUE BEETLE'S faults lie not with his costume but with his scripts. For example: (1) Dan Garrett is too much of a scientific genius (No man is that smart!); (2) as Garrett, the Beetle is still indestructible (So the poor villian hasn't got a fighting chance!); (3) the Beetle hasn't yet been given definite super-powers and they seem to change with each issue (How about that?). Do something about the fore-mentioned faults and I'm sure sales will improve even more.

L.L. Simpson
Rt. 10 - 75705
Tyler, Texas

Dear L.L.:

You're right pal! We're going to make Dan Dumber, take away his vitamin pills, and take an ad in the paper listing BB's powers Seriously, a lot of what you say is true and thanks to letters like yours we know what to correct. Keep them coming.

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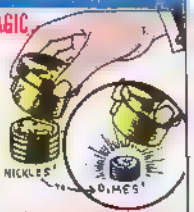

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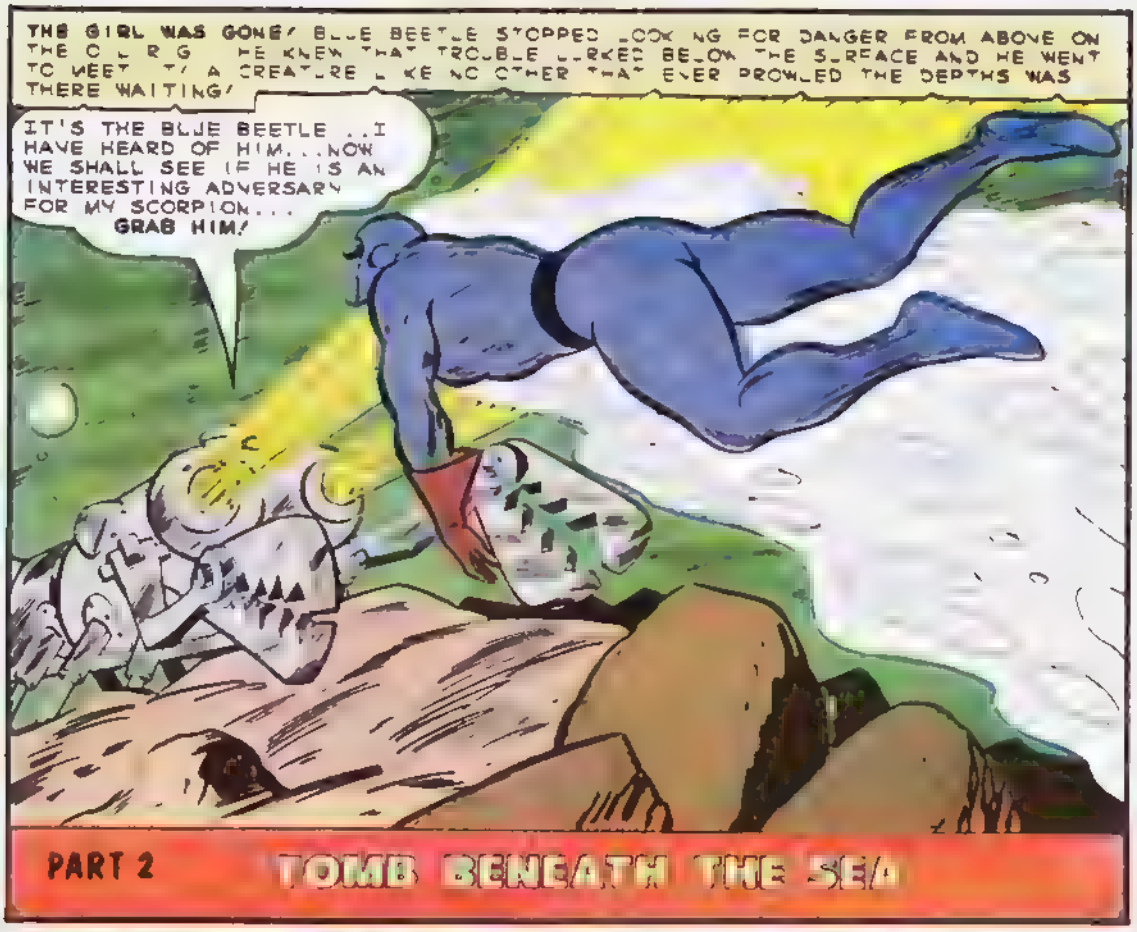
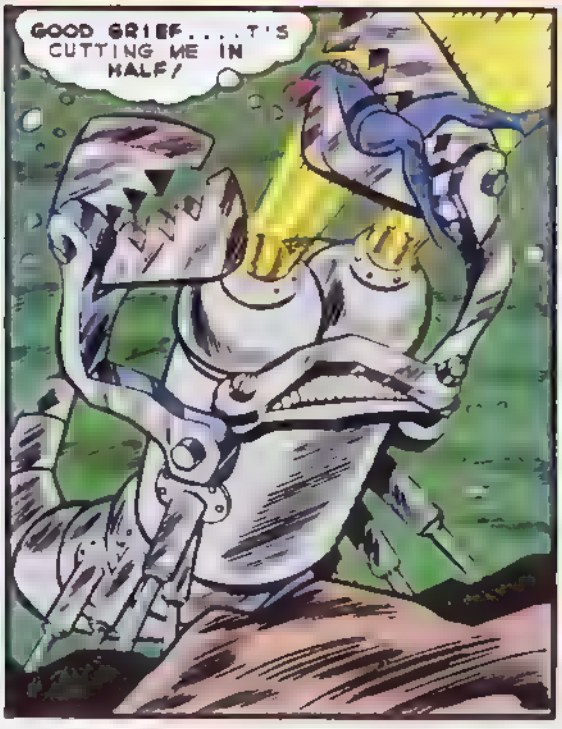
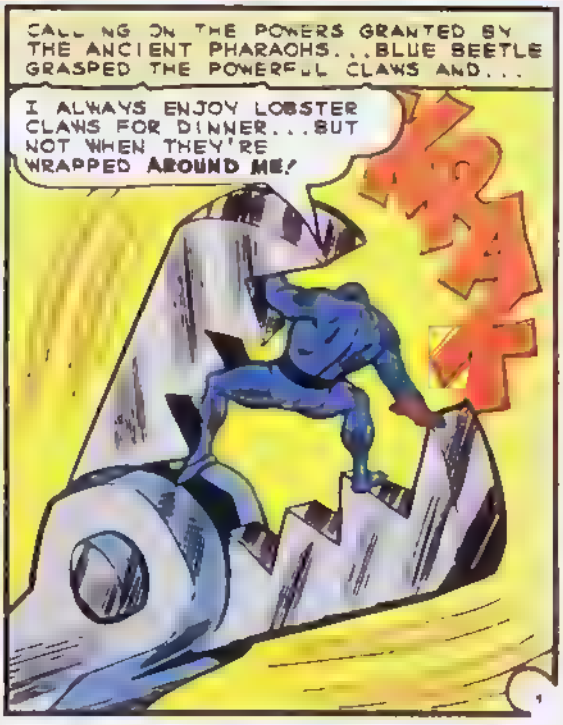
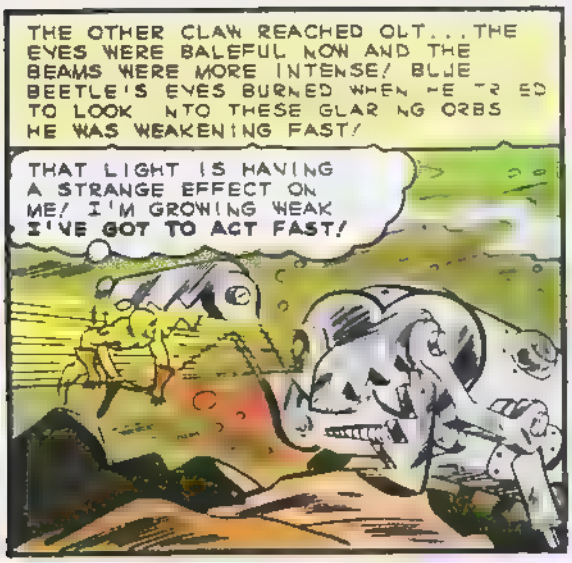
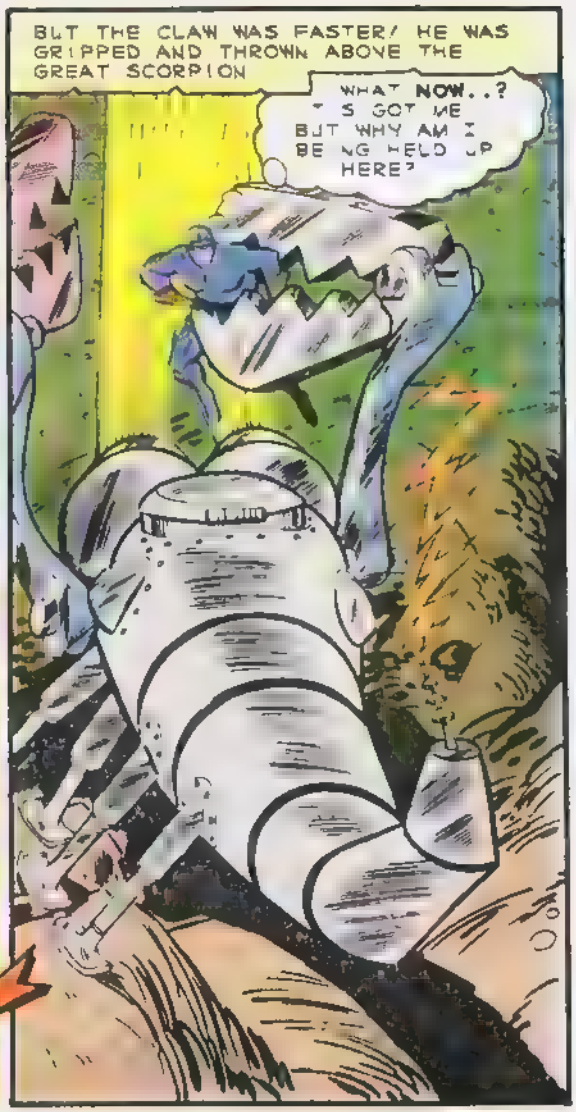
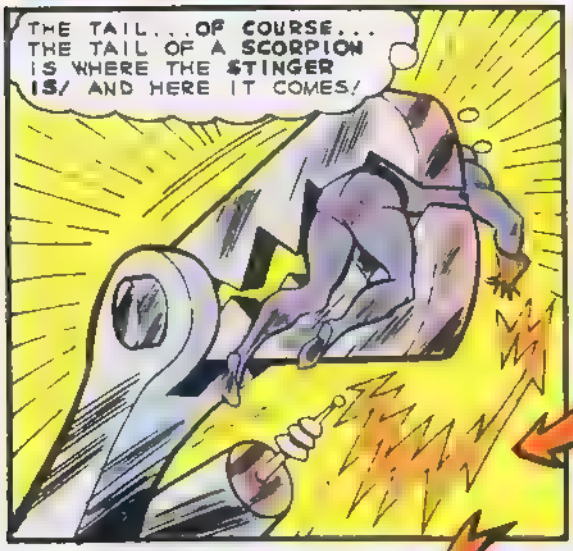

THE GIRL WAS GONE! BLUE BEETLE STOPPED LOOKING FOR DANGER FROM ABOVE ON THE CLERG HE KNEW THAT TROUBLE LURKED BELOW THE SURFACE AND HE WENT TO MEET IT! A CREATURE LIKE NO OTHER THAT EVER PROWLED THE DEPTHS WAS THERE WAITING!
IT'S THE BLUE BEETLE ..I HAVE HEARD OF HIM...NOW WE SHALL SEE IF HE IS AN INTERESTING ADVERSARY FOR MY SCORPION... GRAB HIM!
PART 2
TOMB BENEATH THE SEA

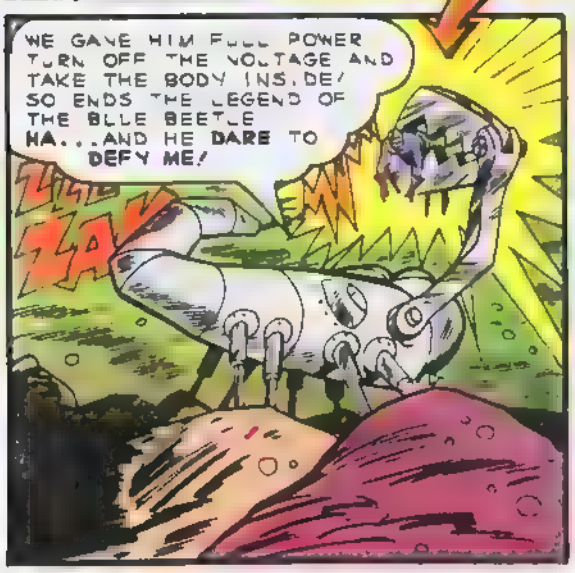

GOOD GRIEF...IT'S CUTTING ME IN HALF!

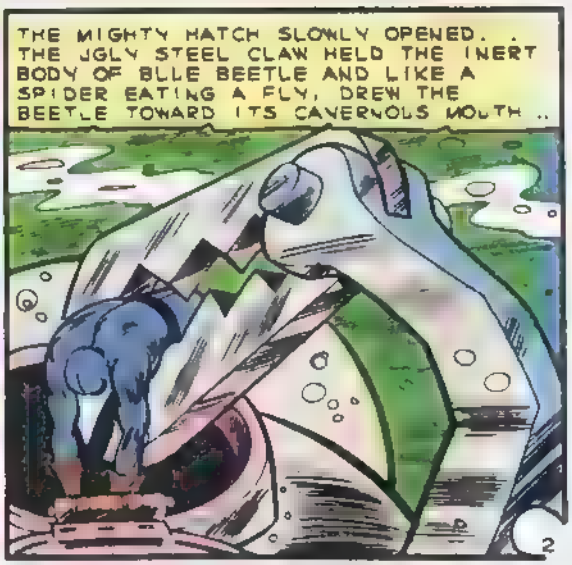

CALLING ON THE POWERS GRANTED BY THE ANCIENT PHARAOHS...BLUE BEETLE GRASPED THE POWERFUL CLAWS AND...
I ALWAYS ENJOY LOBSTER CLAWS FOR DINNER...BUT NOT WHEN THEY'RE WRAPPED AROUND ME!


THE OTHER CLAW REACHED OUT...THE EYES WERE BALEFUL NOW AND THE BEAMS WERE MORE INTENSE! BLUE BEETLE'S EYES BURNED WHEN HE TRIED TO LOOK INTO THESE GLARING ORBS HE WAS WEAKENING FAST!
THAT LIGHT IS HAVING A STRANGE EFFECT ON ME! I'M GROWING WEAK I'VE GOT TO ACT FAST!


BUT THE CLAW WAS FASTER! HE WAS GRIPPED AND THROWN ABOVE THE GREAT SCORPION
WHAT NOW..? IT'S GOT ME BUT WHY AM I BEING HELD UP HERE?


THE TAIL...OF COURSE... THE TAIL OF A SCORPION IS WHERE THE STINGER IS! AND HERE IT COMES!

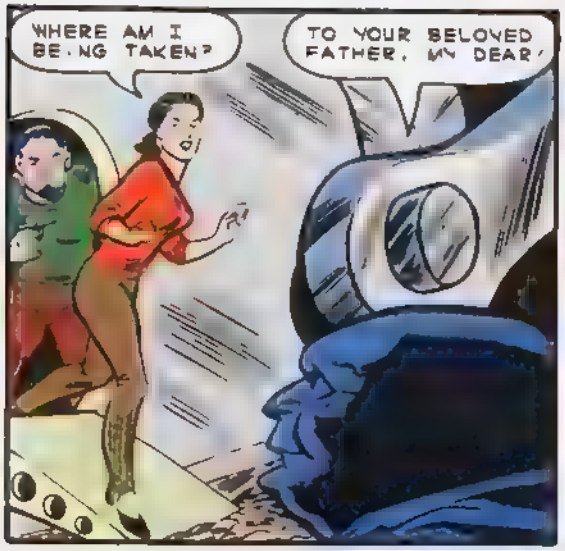

WE GAVE HIM FULL POWER TURN OFF THE VOLTAGE AND TAKE THE BODY INSIDE! SO ENDS THE LEGEND OF THE BLUE BEETLE HA...AND HE DARE TO DEFY ME!
ZIGG
ZAP

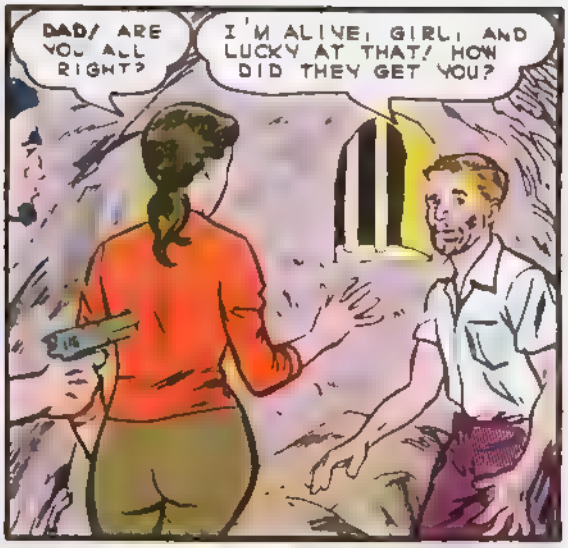

THE MIGHTY HATCH SLOWLY OPENED... THE UGLY STEEL CLAW HELD THE INERT BODY OF BLUE BEETLE AND LIKE A SPIDER EATING A FLY, DREW THE BEETLE TOWARD ITS CAVERNOUS MOUTH ..

YOU DID IT, SIR... YOU'VE BEATEN THE BLUE BEETLE!
THAT'S OBVIOUS, FOOL! HE'S DEAD!
YOU SEE, MISS BYERS? YOU HAVE WITNESSED HOW EFFORTLESSLY MR. CRABB HAS VANQUISHED THE WORLDS MIGHTIEST MAN!
YOU'LL ALL PAY FOR DOING THIS! THE LAW WILL CATCH UP WITH YOU!
WE'RE MOVING! WHERE ARE YOU TAKING ME?
TO THE SAME PLACE I TOOK YOUR FATHER, MISS BYERS!
THEN MY FATHER IS ALIVE! OH, HOW I HOPED...I'D HAVE KNOWN IF HE WERE DEAD!
YES, MY DEAR...YOUR CURIOUS FATHER HAD TO INTERFERE IN MY PLANS...SO I...ER...AM...ER...TRYING TO PERSUADE HIM TO COOPERATE WITH ME! YOU WILL SEE HIM SOON ENOUGH!

BLUE BEETLE

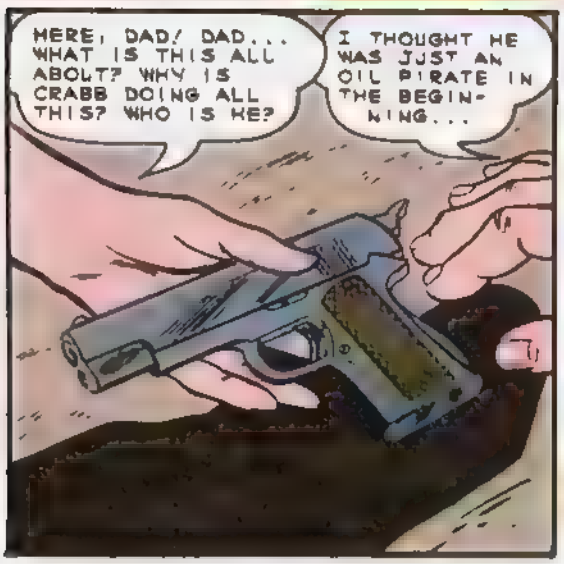
ENTERING THE CAVE...WHICH HAD A TUNNEL SLOPING UPWARD...THE SCORP ON CLAWED ON ITS EIGHT LEGS UNTIL IT EMERGED INTO AIR! THIS WAS A HUGE CAVE...BENEATH A DOME AT THE BOTTOM OF THE SEA!
WONDER WHEN THE SCORPION'S GONNA TAKE THE NEXT BUNCH INSHORE TO SPEND A WEEK-END AT GALVESTON OR NEW ORLEANS?
YOU MEN SHOULD CONCERN YOURSELVES WITH THE SUCCESS OF THIS OIL OPERATION AND LESS WITH HAVING GOOD TIMES IN THE UNITED STATES!
CRABB'S GETTIN' RICH AND YOU'RE GETTIN' FAT PAYCHECKS! THE REST OF US WHO DO THE DIRTY WORK LIKE WRECKIN' BYERS' OILRIG AND TAKIN' HIM PRISONER...WE GET PAID OFF IN PEANUTS!
SUDDENLY, SCORPION VEERED TOWARD THE SULLEN GUARD...AND THE HUGE CLAW WAS REACHING OUT, GRASPING ANOTHER VICTIM!
EEEEEEEII! LEMME GO!
MINIMUM VOLTAGE...THE THUG IS USEFUL...AND IT WOULD CREATE UNREST AMONG THE OTHERS IF WE WERE TOO SEVERE!
Zaaka
THE DIRECTIONAL LISTENING DEVICES ON SCORPION PROVE USEFUL AT TIMES ERIC! NOW...ARE THE FUEL TANKS FULL? TANKER SUBMARINES WILL BE HERE SOMETIME TONIGHT!
JAH, HERR CRABB! TANKS ARE FULL. HOSE AND PUMPS STAND READY TO LOAD THE SUBMARINES!
BYERS' DAUGHTER IS ABOARD! I WANT HER TAKEN TO HIM...PERHAPS NOW HE WILL CRACK AND SIGN OVER HIS OIL LEASES TO US!

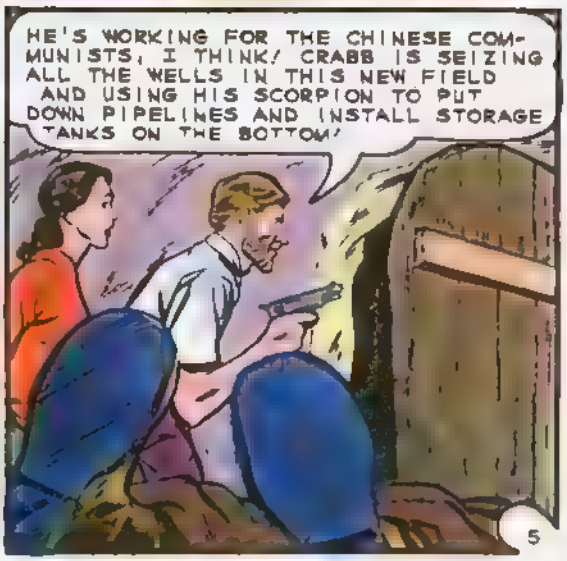

WHERE AM I BEING TAKEN?
TO YOUR BELOVED FATHER, MY DEAR!


DAD! ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
I'M ALIVE, GIRL, AND LUCKY AT THAT! HOW DID THEY GET YOU?

AN ARCHEOLOGIST NAMED DR. DAN GARRETT TOOK ME OUT TO THE TEXAS TOWER OPERATED BY THAT HIDEOUS MAN NAMED CRABB! DR. GARRETT WAS KILLED, I THINK...AND SO WAS ANOTHER MAN, A STRANGER, WHO TRIED TO HELP ME! BLUE BEETLE!

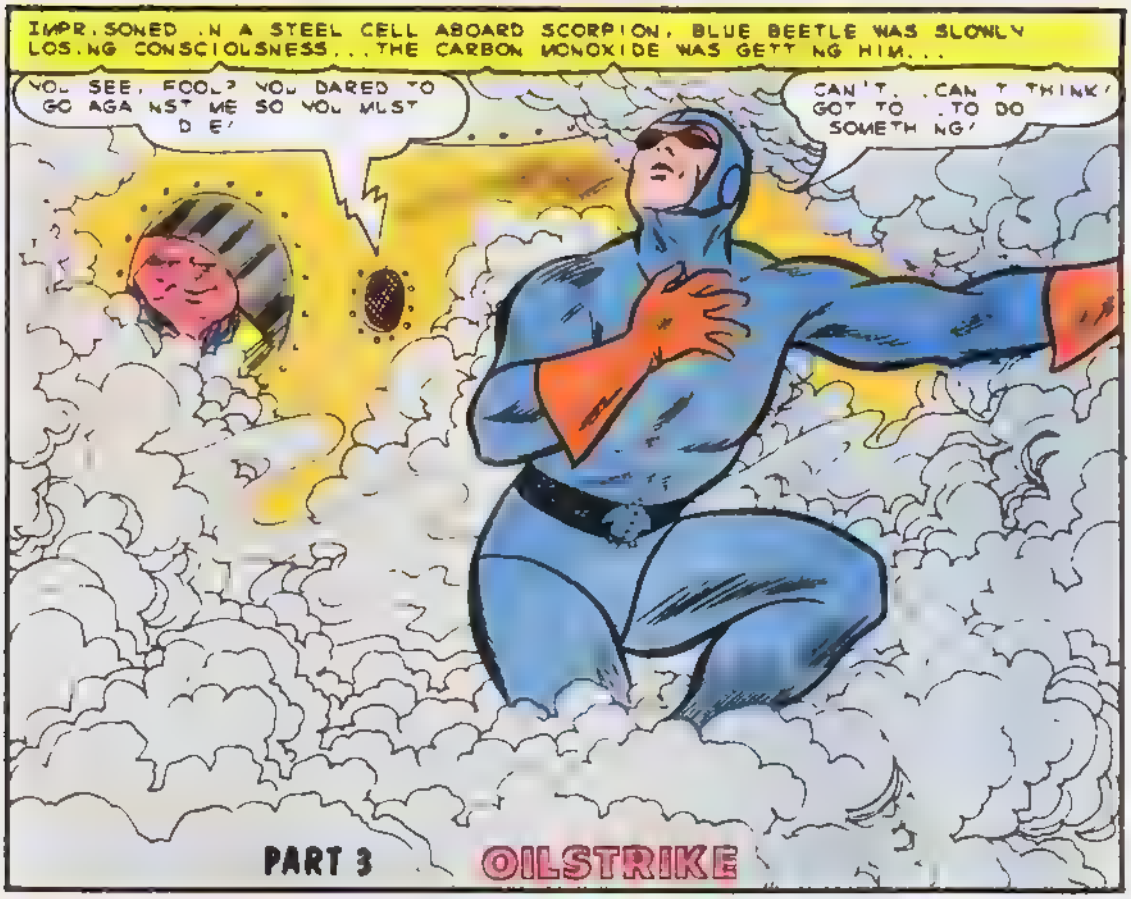
IF THE BLUE BEETLE COULDN'T STOP CRABB, NOTHING CAN! BUT BY GUM I'M SURE GOING TO TRY!


HERE, DAD! DAD... WHAT IS THIS ALL ABOUT? WHY IS CRABB DOING ALL THIS? WHO IS HE?
I THOUGHT HE WAS JUST AN OIL PIRATE IN THE BEGINNING...


HE'S WORKING FOR THE CHINESE COMMUNISTS, I THINK! CRABB IS SEIZING ALL THE WELLS IN THIS NEW FIELD AND USING HIS SCORPION TO PUT DOWN PIPELINES AND INSTALL STORAGE TANKS ON THE BOTTOM!

MEANWHILE A STEEL CAPSULE WAS CARRIED ABOARD THE SCORPION...IN WHICH TO PLACE BLUE BEETLE, THE LATEST VICTIM TO BE INTERRED IN THE HUGE TOMB AT THE BOTTOM OF THE SEA
REMOVE THIS REMINDER OF MAN'S WEAKNESS FROM MY SIGHT! PLACE HIM IN THE SEAL PERMANENT
THE SHOCK IS WEARING OFF... GOT TO DO SOMETHING...
FOUR MEN LIFTED THE SEEMINGLY LIFELESS FORM, READY TO ENTOMB HIM...FOREVER!
IT'S NOW OR NEVER DON'T FAIL ME NOW POWERS OF ANCIENT EGYPT!
WITH A TREMENDOUS SURGE OF POWER THE BLUE BEETLE SPRANG THE CREWMEN FELL LIKE WITHERED LEAVES BEFORE HIS SAVAGE ONSLAUGHT!
NOW HE WAS READY FOR MR. CRABB AND THE MASTER OF SCORPION SHOT AGAIN AND AGAIN!
BAM
THE OTHER LEAPED BACKWARD TOUCHING A BUTTON AND AN INCH THICK STEEL DOOR SLAMMED IN BLUE BEETLE'S FACE! BLUE BEETLE BOUNCED OFF IT...STUNNED BY THE TREMENDOUS IMPACT!
AN ALMOST ODORLESS GAS...CARBON MONOXIDE! IN A FEW MOMENTS...WE'LL ALL BE DEAD!
SSSTTTTTT
END OF PART II
SEE PART III "OILSTRIKE!"

BLUE BEETLE


IMPR.SONED .N A STEEL CELL ABOARD SCORPION, BLUE BEETLE WAS SLOWLY LOS.NG CONSCIOLSNESS...THE CARBON MONOXIDE WAS GETT NG HIM...
YOU SEE, FOOL? YOU DARED TO GO AGA NST ME SO YOU MUST D E!
CAN'T. .CAN T THINK! GOT TO .TO DO SOMETH NG!
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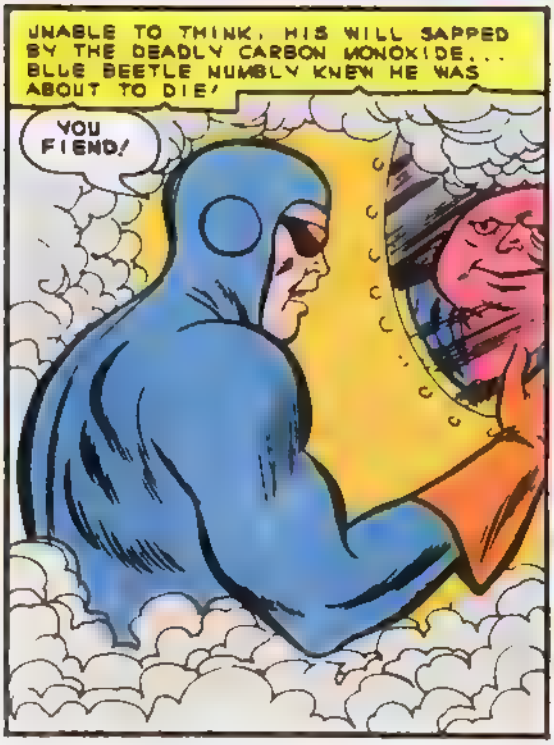
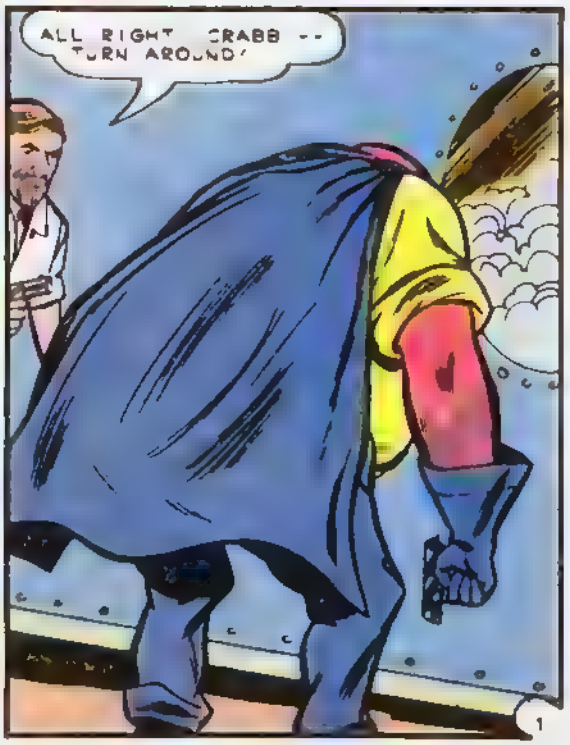
OILSTRIKE


UNABLE TO THINK, HIS WILL SAPPED BY THE DEADLY CARBON MONOXIDE... BLUE BEETLE NUMBLY KNEW HE WAS ABOUT TO DIE!
YOU FIEND!


ALL RIGHT CRABB -- TURN AROUND!

BLUE BEETLE

THE OIL PIRATE WHEELED HIS PISTOL SNARLED AND BYERS WAS HIT!
NOW, YOU DIE, BYERS! I PAMPERED YOU TOO LONG!
BLAM
EVEN AS CLOSE TO DEATH AS HE WAS, BLUE BEETLE SAW THE STREAM OF BULLETS SCREAMING TOWARD BYERS AND HIS DAUGHTER
NO! WATCH IT, MISS BYERS, CRABB WILL KILL YOU!
ADRENALIN WAS GUSHING THROUGH BLUE BEETLE'S NERVES! ANGER...CONCERN FOR OTHERS THESE THREW OFF THE POISONS AND SUDDENLY HE WAS POWERFUL AGAIN!
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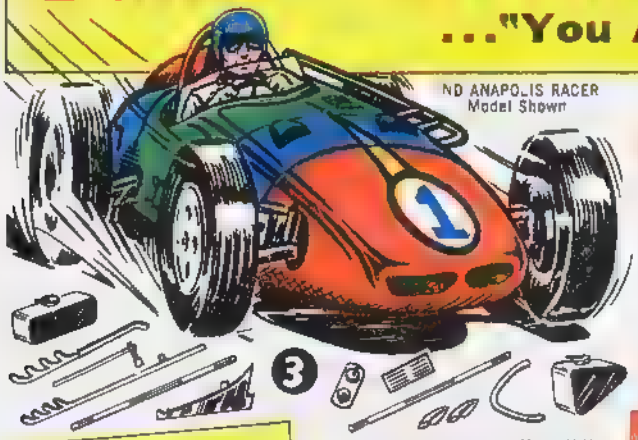

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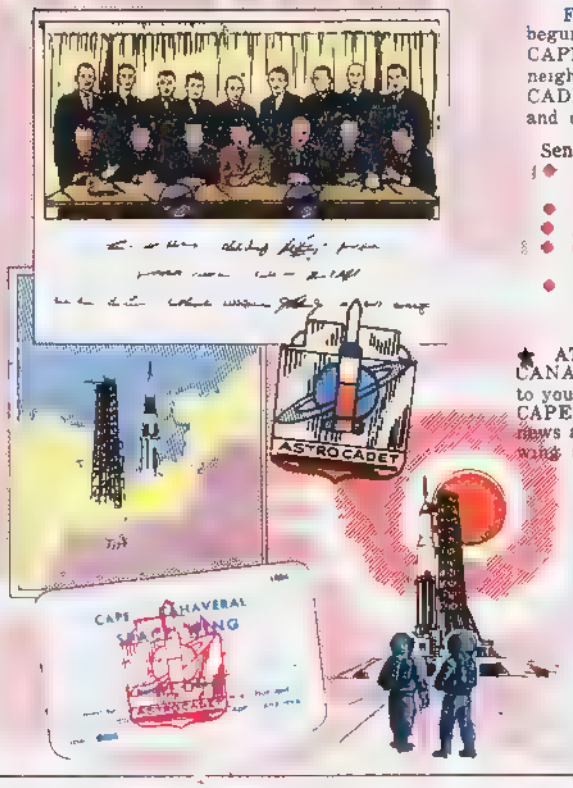

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WITH A SCREECH OF FEAR, MR. CRABB LEAPED FOR ANOTHER DOOR AND VANISHED INTO THE MAZE OF PASSAGES ABOARD SCORPION!
HE'S GONE!
LET'S GET OFF THIS STEEL NIGHTMARE! DO YOU KNOW WHAT THAT CRIMINAL HAS DONE TO OUR OILFIELD?
BLUE BEETLE...THERE ARE OIL AND GASOLENE TANKS IN THIS CAVE! THEY HOLD MILLIONS OF GALLONS...AND THERE ARE PIPELINES CARRYING OIL FROM ALL OVER THE AREA!
WE'VE GOT TO WRECK THIS OPERATION! COME ON!
GUARDS... GUARDS... PRISONERS ESCAPING!
THE SUBMACHINE GUN RATTLED...ITS DEADLY SPRAY OF LEAD WAS COMING CLOSER...BLUE BEETLE WHISPERED A PLEA...THEN!
NOW MIGHTY PHARAOES... LEND ME THY LIGHTNING!
ZAAP

BLUE BEETLE

BYERS YELLED TO BLUE BEETLE AND POINTED/ STEEL TANKS CLUSTERED AT ONE END OF THE CAVE...
SEE THERE, BLUE BEETLE/ ENOUGH OIL TO KEEP RED CHINA GOING FOR FIVE YEARS/
WITH ALL THAT OIL LOOSE...IF IT GOES ON FIRE, WE'LL ALL DIE/
AS SOON AS I WRECK THEIR PUMPING OPERATION WE'LL GET ABOARD THAT CRAWLING MODEL T AND SCRAMBLE/
BLUE BEETLE WENT AIRBORNE CAROMING OFF OIL TANKS, LEAVING WRECKAGE IN HIS WAKE...TEARING UP STEEL PIPE LINES...HURTLING RIGHT THROUGH GEARS AND WHEELS AND PULLEYS

SCORPION WAS MOVING AS BLUE BEETLE CRASHED THROUGH THE LAST MAZE OF PIPES AND TANKS AND SCREECHED TO A HALT BESIDE THE OILMAN AND HIS DAUGHTER!
WATCH IT...THE LIGHT WILL BLIND YOU! AND DON'T GO NEAR THE TAIL!

HURLING SHATTERING BOLTS OF FORCE, BLUE BEETLE "BLINDED" THE SCORP ON FIRST!
YOU USE YOUR LIGHT-FORCE AND I'LL USE MINE!
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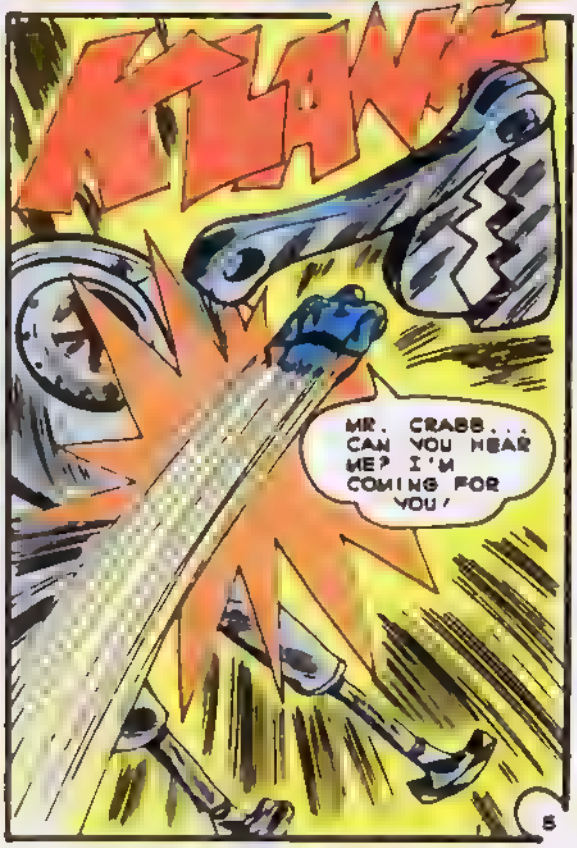
NOW LET'S PLAY "CAN-OPENER" YOU'RE THE CAN!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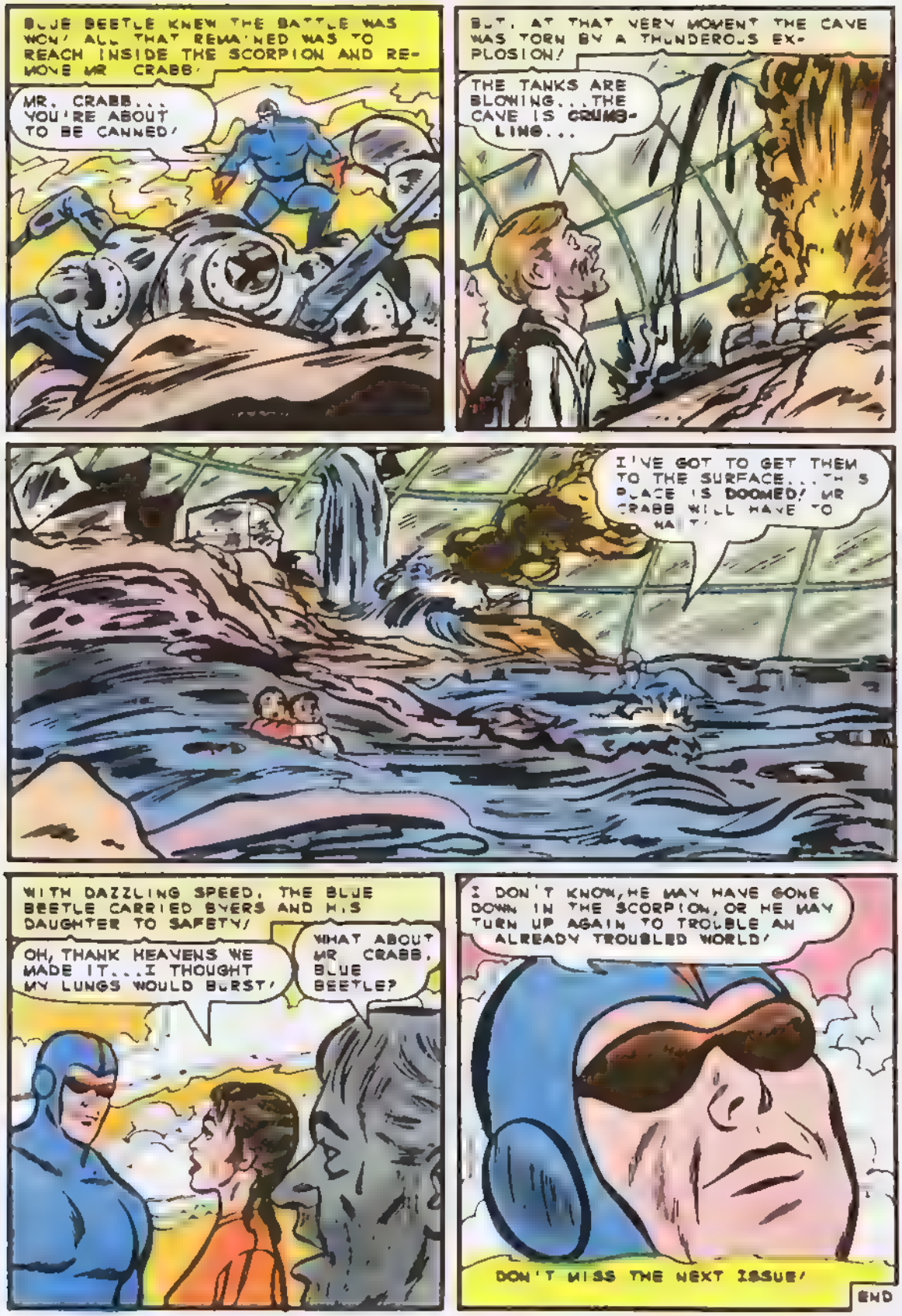
MR. CRABB... CAN YOU HEAR ME? I'M COMING FOR YOU!

BLUE BEETLE


BLUE BEETLE KNEW THE BATTLE WAS WON/ ALL THAT REMAINED WAS TO REACH INSIDE THE SCORPION AND REMOVE MR CRABB/
MR. CRABB... YOU'RE ABOUT TO BE CANNED/
BUT, AT THAT VERY MOMENT THE CAVE WAS TORN BY A THUNDEROUS EXPLOSION/
THE TANKS ARE BLOWING...THE CAVE IS CRUMBLING...
I'VE GOT TO GET THEM TO THE SURFACE...THIS PLACE IS DOOMED/ MR CRABB WILL HAVE TO WAIT/
WITH DAZZLING SPEED, THE BLUE BEETLE CARRIED BYERS AND HIS DAUGHTER TO SAFETY/
OH, THANK HEAVENS WE MADE IT...I THOUGHT MY LUNGS WOULD BURST/
WHAT ABOUT MR CRABB, BLUE BEETLE?
I DON'T KNOW, HE MAY HAVE GONE DOWN IN THE SCORPION, OR HE MAY TURN UP AGAIN TO TROUBLE AN ALREADY TROUBLED WORLD/
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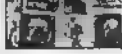

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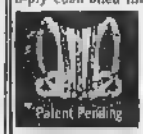

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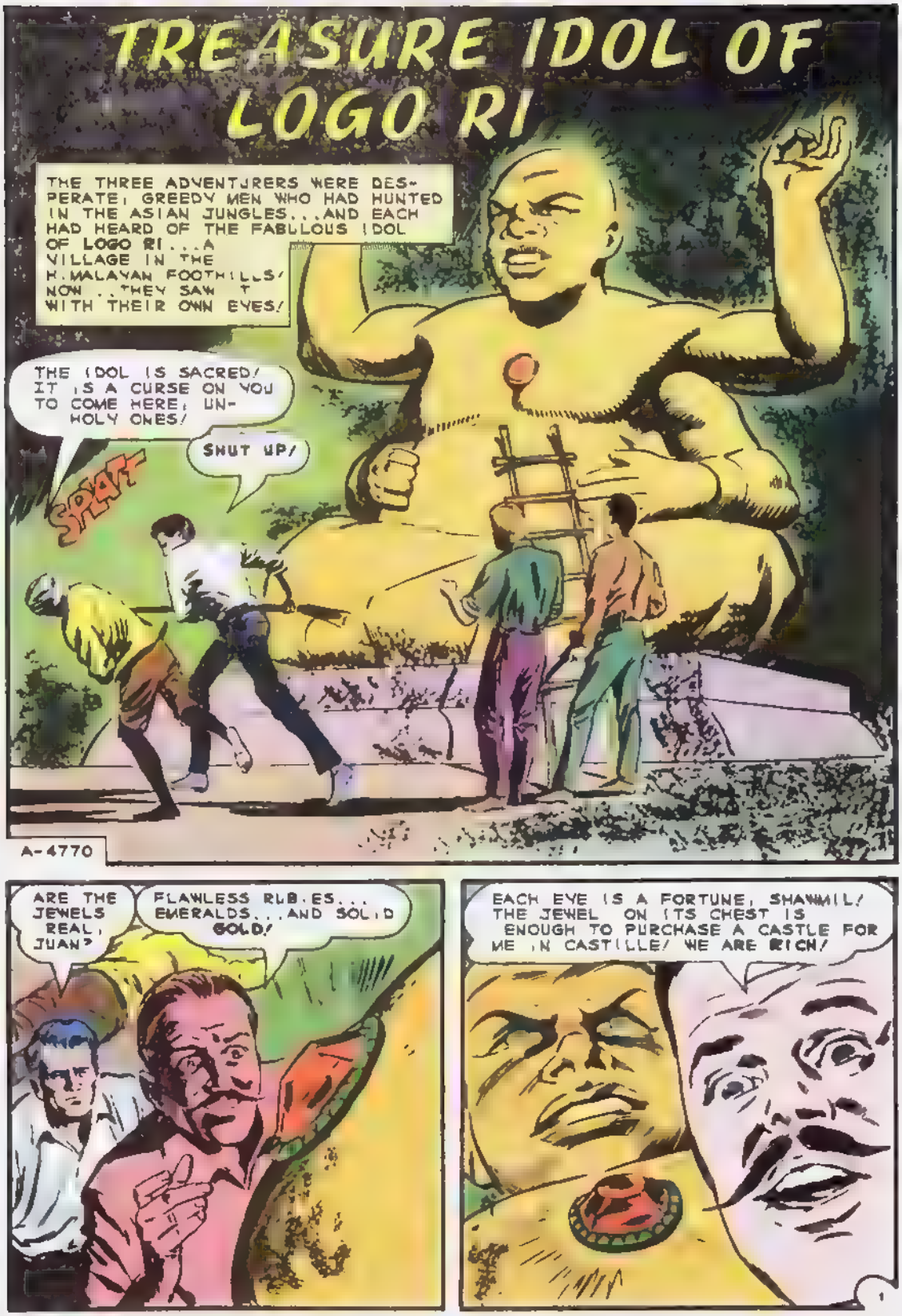
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THE THREE ADVENTURERS WERE DESPERATE, GREEDY MEN WHO HAD HUNTED IN THE ASIAN JUNGLES...AND EACH HAD HEARD OF THE FABULOUS IDOL OF LOGO RI...A VILLAGE IN THE H.MALAYAN FOOTHILLS/ NOW ..THEY SAW IT WITH THEIR OWN EYES/
THE IDOL IS SACRED/ IT IS A CURSE ON YOU TO COME HERE, UNHOLY ONES/
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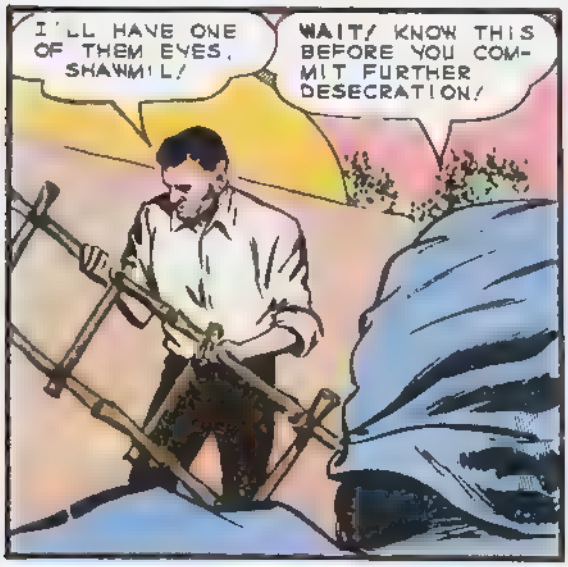
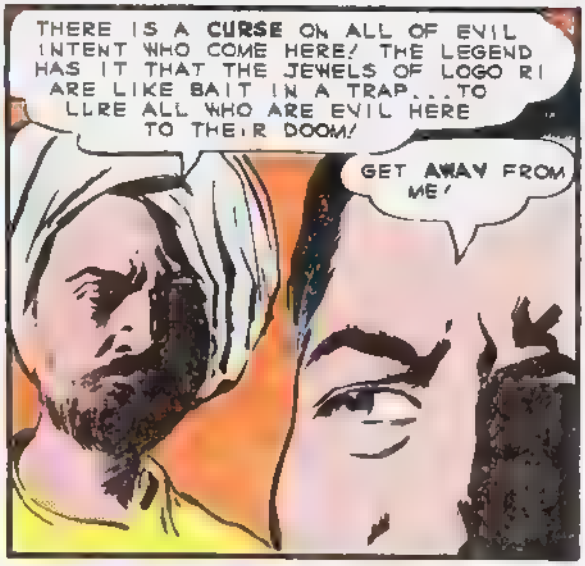
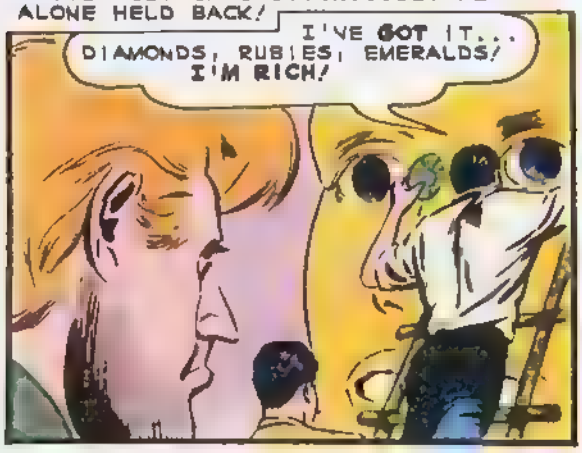
ARE THE JEWELS REAL, JUAN?
FLAWLESS RUBIES... EMERALDS...AND SOLID GOLD/
EACH EYE IS A FORTUNE, SHAWMIL/ THE JEWEL ON ITS CHEST IS ENOUGH TO PURCHASE A CASTLE FOR ME IN CASTILLE/ WE ARE RICH/




THERE IS A CURSE ON ALL OF EVIL INTENT WHO COME HERE! THE LEGEND HAS IT THAT THE JEWELS OF LOGO RI ARE LIKE BAIT IN A TRAP...TO LURE ALL WHO ARE EVIL HERE TO THEIR DOOM!
GET AWAY FROM ME!

SHAWMIL, THE LEADER, HAD MORE BRAINS THAN HIS COMPANIONS! PERHAPS HE PLANNED TO ROB AND KILL HIS COMPANIONS! PERHAPS HE MERELY WAITED OUT OF CAUTION...BUT HE ALONE HELD BACK!



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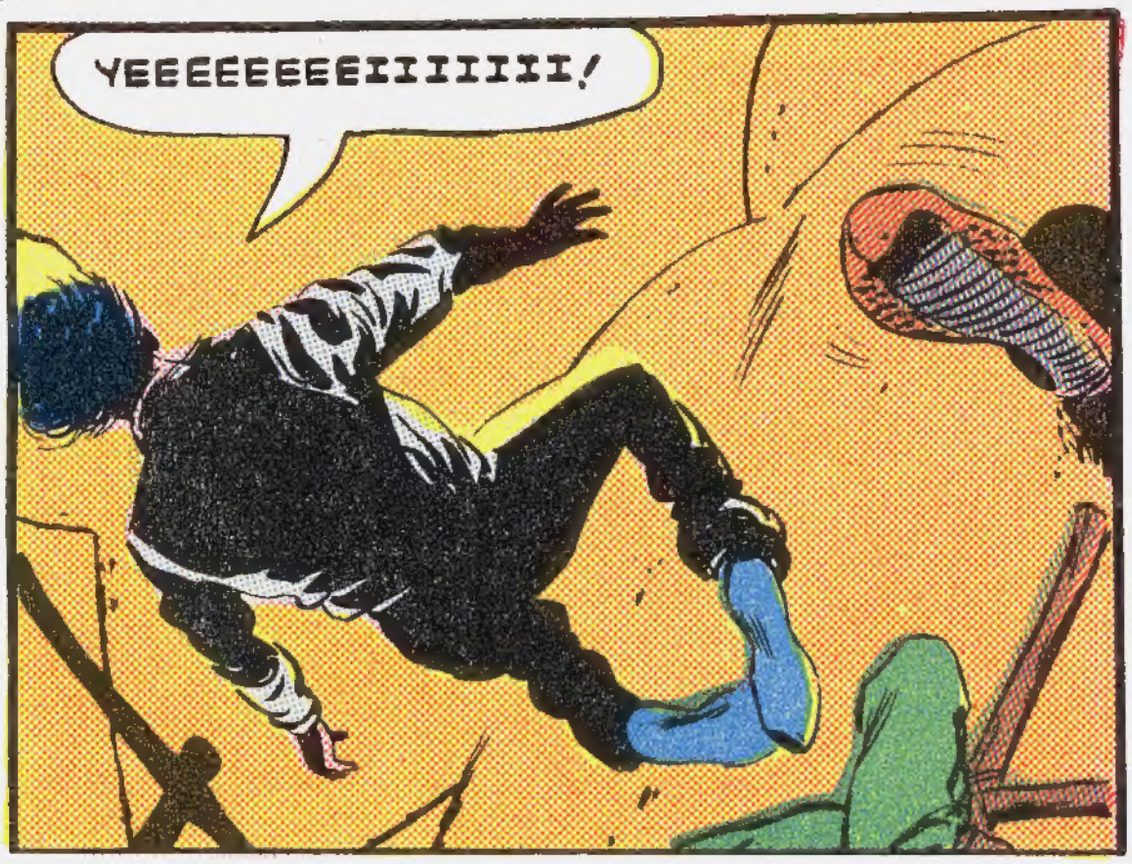
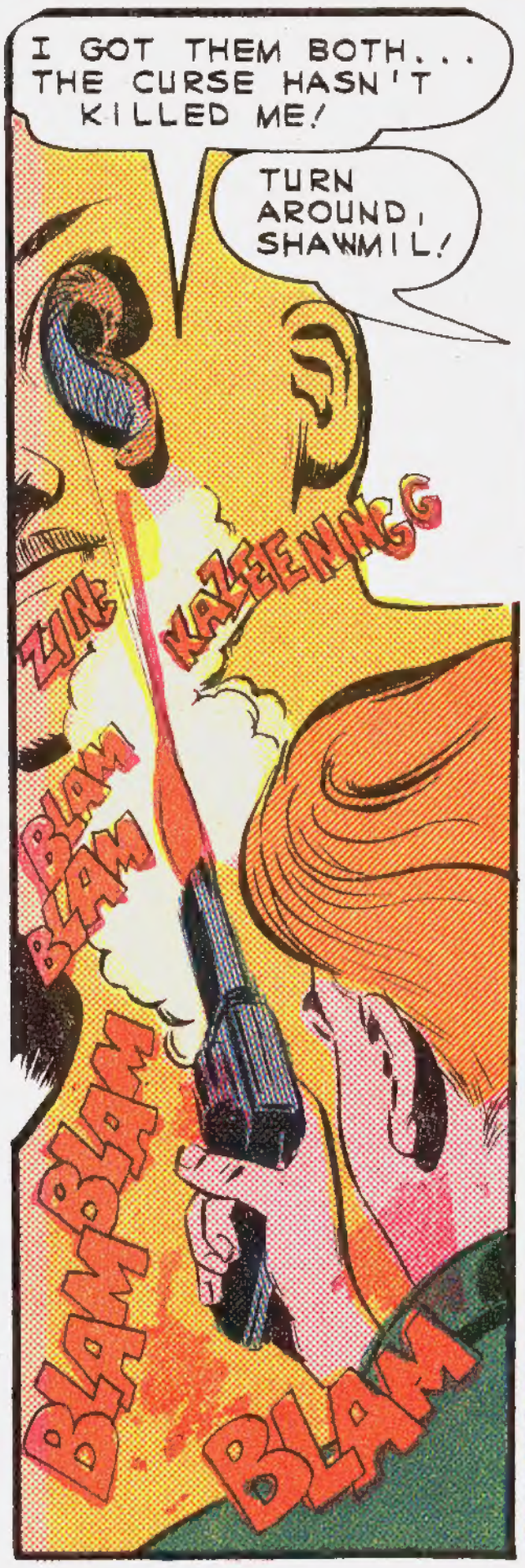
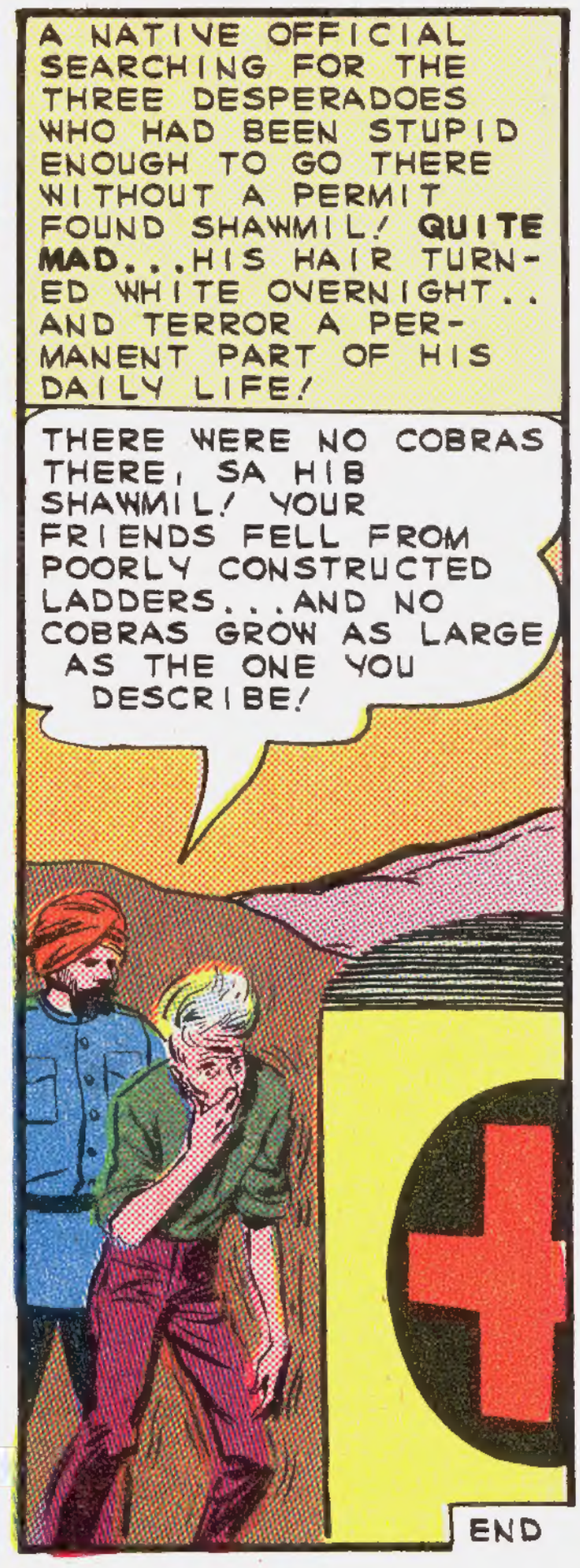




SHAWMIL TURNED, HIS REVOLVER READY...BUT THERE WAS NO MAN THERE TO SPEAK! ONLY A GIANT COBRA VIBRATING, READY TO STRIKE!
NO! NO, IT...IT'S ALL A BAD DREAM!
FROM WHICH YOU WILL NEVER AWAKEN! YOU HAVE BEFOULED A SACRED PLACE, SHAWMIL...AND YOU MUST PAY!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THERE WERE NO COBRAS THERE, SA HIB SHAWMIL! YOUR FRIENDS FELL FROM POORLY CONSTRUCTED LADDERS...AND NO COBRAS GROW AS LARGE AS THE ONE YOU DESCRIBE!
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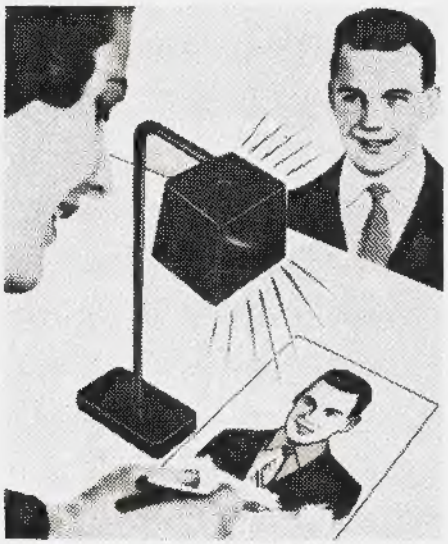

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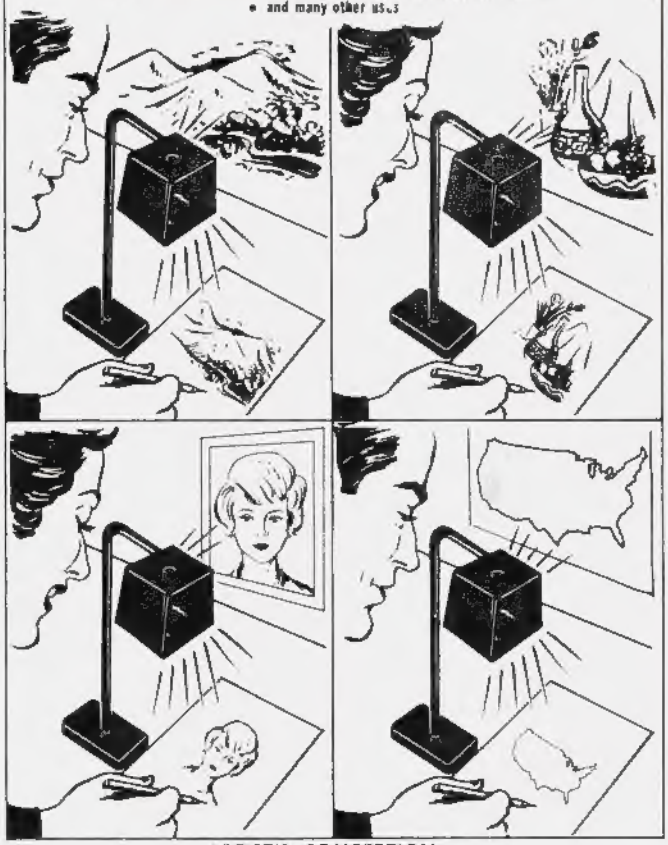

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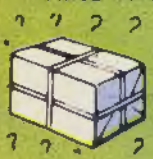

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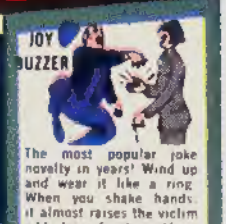

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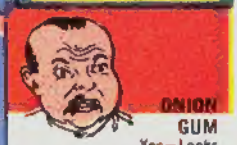

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